

Hunter's Clarion

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December Exhibits Feature Millennium

by Nan
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The three exhibit cases on the main floor of the library are featuring millennial displays during the month of December. We hope you will take a few minutes to come by and enjoy these exhibits showing glimpses into the distant past, the lively present, and the unknown future.

The display in one case is a Salute to the Twentieth Century with a nod to some of the inventions, songs, and events of the past hundred years. Everyday products such as the ballpoint pen, Scotch tape, and the Brownie camera share honors with Einstein's General Theory of Relativity for having been introduced in the twentieth century.

The second case highlights the millennium with everything from the Millennium Wheel in London to dire prophecies for what the new millennium will hold and a package of M & Ms, "The Official Candy of the

New Millennium." Also included is a survival guide for Y2K.

The Map Room's display showcases history from the year 1000 with a map of Eurasia delineating the boundaries of the Holy Roman Empire, the Viking Kingdoms, the Byzantine Empire, the Indian Kingdoms, and the Song Dynasty of China.

This month Special Collections is showing from its extensive historical collections an exhibit on Women's Sports at Western. This will include Women's Tennis from 1919 found in the old annual, *The Oogoooco*.

The Curriculum Materials Center's December Exhibit is the annual holiday display with decorations and books about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Stop by the CMC for a taste of the holiday season and check out a video or music CD to enjoy at home.



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Library Initiates New Loan Rules

by David Duvall, Circulation

New loan rules are now in effect for WCU faculty and staff.

The checkout cycle is now six months but items may be renewed either online or at the front desk two times. These renewals allow faculty and staff to keep an item for up to 18 months if needed (unless recalled by another library user).

Faculty and staff will receive overdue notices at three months and six months from the date of checkout. Ten days after the second notice, the library system will bill for the replacement price of the book plus processing fees if it has not been returned.

Faculty and staff should be aware that library notices are now sent via email.

If you have questions, feel free to call the Circulation Department at 7485.

Windows PC User Tips

by Robin Hitch, Systems Technician

The following is a continuation of the compiled list of what may help you in basic Windows computer literacy that began in a previous issue. If you already know how to accomplish these tasks, you are more than on your way to being computer savvy!

Find files.

When you just can't remember where you put a file, don't waste time opening folder after folder trying to find it. The Find File command of Windows will locate missing documents in record time. Click the *Start* button, choose *Find*, and then *Files or Folders*. If you know at least part of the name, type it into the *Named:* field. If you want a file containing certain words, type those into the *Containing Text:* field found under the *Advance* tab. Choose the appropriate place to search and click *Find Now* to see the list build.

Unorganized files.

You can organize files the way you want by creating your own folders with names that make sense to you. In Windows Explorer, right-click an empty area, choose *New* and then *Folder*. Type a name and press ENTER.

Move files.

Windows Explorer makes it easy to move files—just drag them from one folder to another using the mouse. Alternatively, right-click the file icons and use the *Cut*, *Copy*, and *Paste* commands that appear.

Send files to certain places.

Right-click a file and choose *Send To*, to move a file to certain locations, such as the diskette drive or the *My Documents* folder, in a flash. You can add more destinations to the *Send To* List by putting shortcuts to the places you like in the *SEND TO* folder inside the *WINDOWS* folder.

Skip extra recycling steps.

The Recycle Bin can save you from accidentally deleting a file for good. Because it does not delete until you *EMPTY* the recycle bin, it probably doesn't need the extra layer of security that the annoying delete confirmation dialog box provides whenever you try to delete something. Turn it off by right-clicking the Recycle Bin, choosing *Properties*, and removing the check from the box next to *Display Delete Confirmation Dialog Box*.

Top 20 Most Popular Periodicals

by Nancy Newsome,
Serials Librarian

We haven't yet begun to analyze the results of our periodical use study, which continues through the end of Fall Semester 1999. But it has been interesting to look at some of the results we've gotten so far. Following is a list of the top 20 titles according to use measured by reshelving counts from Spring Semester 1998 through Summer 1999. An interesting mix, not too many surprises

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NO. USES</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NO. USES</u>
New York Times	992	Business Week	343
Newsweek	613	Consumer Reports	322
Time	518	U.S. News & World Report	320
Science (Weekly)	439	Nature	318
Sports Illustrated	428	Psychological Reports	310
Rolling Stone	378	Physical Therapy	291
Journal of Speech and Hearing Research	376	Vogue	287
(This was continued by Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research in 1997, which received 75 uses during this time period.)		Sex Roles	280
		Mademoiselle	271
		Science News	271
Child Development	357	Paris Match	268
National Geographic	351		

New Feature in Biological Abstracts

by Lorna Dorr, Reference Librarian

For those of you who use the Biological Abstracts database, we have added a new holdings feature.

At the end of each record retrieved from a search, there is now a button which looks like this:



Clicking on this button will perform a search by ISSN number in our Library Catalog for the journal title listed in the record. This option is available at the end of every record in the database, whether the journal is owned by one of the libraries in our network or not. If you have questions about using this new feature, please call the Reference Desk at 7465.

Library Databases and the WWW: What's the diff?

by Betsy Whitley,
Reference Librarian

Confusion between library databases and the World Wide Web is likely because Hunter's library databases and the WWW are both available on computers, over the Internet, using Web technology. But there are significant differences between the materials found using library databases and the Web that impact the quality of research.

Some people even describe the World Wide Web as a database. *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* supports this, defining a database as "a collection of data organized especially for rapid search and retrieval." In the library world, this definition is further refined by the qualifications that "Each database generally covers one subject area...and a fee is charged for access" (*Harrod's Librarians' Glossary*). So either statement can be true, the Web is and is not a database, depending upon the definition used.

Below is a chart of similarities and differences between the WWW and Hunter's library databases—available on InfoHunter under Online Resources:

	Library Databases	World Wide Web
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mostly periodical indexes, encyclopedia articles & statistics • several layers of editing and evaluation have occurred • 80+ databases selected for WCU audience • purpose is to inform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • documents on every conceivable subject and at all levels • no editing or evaluation required • millions of documents • purpose varies: to inform, sell, advocate, etc.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • usually article citations and abstracts, with full-text articles becoming common • most results appropriate for academic work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • usually entire documents • may or may not be appropriate for academic work; you must make the decision
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free to WCU community • purchased by the library and other state and regional agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mostly free to all with computer and Internet access • cost absorbed by advertising or page author or sponsor
Searching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different databases use different search rules • use controlled vocabulary for precise subject searching • use keyword searching for comprehensive searches • support Boolean operators, truncation, and limiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different search engines use different search rules • no controlled vocabulary • use keyword searching for comprehensive searches • often support Boolean operators, some truncation and limiting
Dates of Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many are "live," meaning constantly updated • most cover back to 1980s, some go back to '70s and '60s, very few back to the 1800s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • search engines rarely updated more frequently than every 28 days • most documents created in the 1990s

Feel free to use this information when explaining academic research to your students.

New Poetry Databases

by Lorna Dorr, Reference Librarian

Hunter Library is pleased to announce the availability of six new poetry databases. These databases, produced by Chadwyck-Healey, Inc. are made available through NC LIVE.

The titles are:

- *20th Century African-American Poetry (1901-1998).*
“Presently includes over 6,000 poems from over 100 complete editions by 46 poets.”
- *20th Century American Poetry.*
“Presently includes 36,000 poems drawn from 460 volumes by 217 poets.”
- *African-American Poetry (1750-1900).*
“Nearly 3,000 poems written by African-American poets in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.”
- *American Poetry (1600-1900).*
“Over 40,000 poems by more than 200 American poets from the Colonial Period to the early twentieth century.”
- *English Poetry (600-1900).*
“Over 165,000 poems by more than 1,250 poets drawn from nearly 4,500 printed sources.”
- *The Faber Poetry Library.*
“A collection of some of the most influential poets of the twentieth century.”

These databases are available from the Library home page under “Online Resources.” They may be found in the subject list under “Arts & Humanities,” or under their specific title(s) in the title list, or in the vendor list under “Chadwyck-Healey.”

Reminiscing

For the past five years I have had the privilege to serve as Secretary to Friends of Hunter Library. During these five years I have seen the Friends grow from just barely over 100 members to just over 200 members, and as Martha Stewart would say, “It’s a good thing.” Not only is there strength in numbers but more members give Friends a greater ability to be about their work! Their work is, of course, to fund Hunter’s special needs that aren’t provided for by the state.

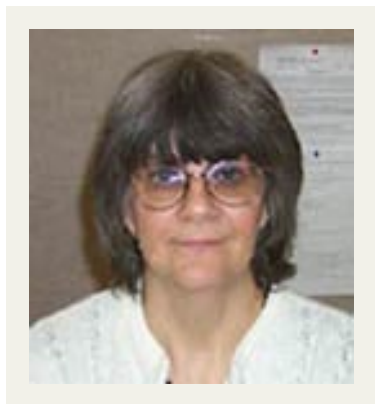
So, in musing over the past five years it occurs to me that you might like to know that during these five years, Friends have donated approximately \$12,000 to Hunter Library projects. These monies have helped to fund the translation of the Cherokee Phoenix; funded the acquisition of a number of historically valuable microfilm sets and provided funding for the purchase of special microfilm cabinets in which to house the growing collection. Friends have also hosted several notable authors at their now well known “Sunday Afternoon at the Library” annual meeting event, held several book sales and other fund raising activities during these years. All of which add up to a focused stewardship of their special place on campus.



by Linda Gillman,
Friends of Hunter Library

Turning my thinking toward the future, I am struck by some of the ideas espoused by a number of futurists. They are calling for *knowledge workers* to dominate the workforce. They say the world of Information Technology and IT Management is “where it’s at.” And a number of futurists implore us to make sure even our youngest students demonstrate Internet savvy. To me, all that adds up to one thing -- Hunter Library must continue to be in a position to acquire valuable resources!

The Friends of Hunter Library can play an important part in maintaining a future-ready library. True enough, it sounds like a tall order, but each and every Friend does make a difference! By becoming a Friend of Hunter Library for the very modest amount of \$15.00 per person per year, you will help ensure that Hunter Library *will* meet the new millennium being in a position to acquire additional valuable resources. Next time you are in the library, just stop by the Circulation Desk and pick up an application form or just drop your membership/donation check in the mail to Friends of Hunter Library, WCU, Cullowhee, NC 28723. Together, we will build a strong future for our wonderful Hunter Library.



New
Employee

*Eva
Cook*

Hunter Library welcomes Eva Cook to the position of Library Clerk III in Public Services. Eva is responsible for managing many of the day-to-day office functions of the Reference and Circulation units. Her former position was that of store manager at Yes Dear!, Inc. in Dillsboro. She is an avid reader and resides in Cullowhee with her daughter, Eve.

Hunter Library Announcement

Becky Kornegay has been appointed Acting Head of Public Services. The position became vacant due to the resignation of Roger Stelk who left to take a position with Endeavor, a leading vendor of integrated library systems.

Ms. Kornegay is well known to users of Hunter Library where she has been a member of the Reference staff since 1984. For the past several years she has been Manager of Reference Desk Services. She has also been an active member of many University-wide councils and committees including the Faculty Senate. Currently she is a member of the University Strategic Planning Committee and its Academic Program Review SubCommittee.

Prior to coming to WCU she worked as a librarian at both the Undergraduate Library and North Carolina Collection at UNC Chapel Hill and at Johnston Technical College in Smithfield, North Carolina. Her B.A. and M.S.L.S. are from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She lives in the Caney Fork community with her husband Burt and their son Henry.

Recent Publications & Presentations of Library Faculty & Staff

Jill Ellern, Systems Librarian, gave a presentation titled The Silk Purse ... Creating an Electronic Reserve System that Works for You and Your Library, along with April Wreath, Systems Librarian, UNC Greensboro, and Terry W. Brandsma, Information Technology Librarian, UNC Greensboro, at UNC CAUSE 99 in Raleigh, N.C., October 15, 1999.

Clarissa Fisher and Dr. Rick Wilson collaborated on a paper that Ms. Fisher presented November 11, 1999 at the *Powerful Learning, Powerful Partnerships Conference* held at the University of Iowa. The paper was entitled Teaching Evidenced-based Health Care: A Model for Developing Faculty/Librarian Partnerships. The results of the collaboration were very pleasing to both faculty members as the quality of student work was improved.

Call for Publications

In January we will be mounting the annual Faculty/Staff Publications Exhibit in the cases near the main stairwell of the library. We invite all Faculty and Staff who have had a book or journal article published during the period from January through December 1999 to enter their publications in the exhibit. Other creative publications from 1999 such as sheet music, CDs, videos, patents or art work that would fit in the locked cases, are also eligible for display.

Please send any items for the exhibit to Nan Watkins, Reference Department, by Friday, January 10th. If you have questions, call her at 3398.

HUNTER LIBRARY HOURS

Fall 1999/Spring 2000

Regular Hours

**Monday through
Thursday
8:00 a.m. -
Midnight**

**Friday
8:00 a.m. -
9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
10:00 a.m. -
9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday
Noon - Midnight**

Semester Break

Sat., Dec. 18 to Thu., Dec. 23
weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
weekend: Closed

Fri., Dec. 24 to Sun., Jan. 2, 2000
Closed

Mon., Jan. 3 to Tue., Jan. 11
weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
weekend: Closed

Wed., Jan. 12 & Thu., Jan. 13
Regular Hours

Martin Luther King Holiday

Fri., Jan. 14 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 15 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 16 Noon-9:00 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 17 Noon-Midnight

Tue., Jan. 18 to Sat., Jan. 29
Regular Hours

Sun., Jan. 30 to Thu., Mar. 2
Extended Hours

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**Monday through
Thursday
8:00 a.m. -
2 a.m.**

**Friday
8:00 a.m. -
9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
10:00 a.m. -
9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday
Noon - 2 a.m.**

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<http://www.wcu.edu/library/whatsnew/index.htm>

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